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CROSSBAR SPACER AND METHOD

PATENT APPLICATION

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Reply is in response to the Office Action dated May 27, 2005. A Declaration of Steve Mitchell, Petition for Extension of Time and a check to cover the required fees accompany this Reply.

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